Appln No. 10/774,505 Amdt. Dated February 1, 2005 Response to Office action of January 14, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

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This communication is in response to an Advisory Action mailed 14 January 2005. In the Advisory Action, the amendments filed 27 December 2004 were not entered because the Examiner considered that the amendments did not place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant herewith files a Request for Continued Examination, in light of which Applicant respectfully request that the reply filed 27 December 2004 be duly entered and that the arguments presented therein be fully considered.

In addition, Applicant files herewith further amendments in which claim 1 has been amended to recite additional features of the support, namely that the support has a lowermost corner and a vibrator operatively connected to the lowermost corner of the support. Claim 1 has further been amended to recite that the step of "ensuring alignment of the pages" includes the step of "vibrating the support using said vibrator to align the pages at said lowermost corner of the support". Support for these features can be found in the original disclosure at page 8, line 25 to page 9, line 6 and Figures 7 to 23.

Applicant submits that as each of the cited prior art documents is silently as to the newly added claim limitations, the claims are novel and inventive.

Applicant further submits that this response meets the requirements of a submission as required for an RCE and that by this communication and the reply of 27 December 2004, all issues of the most recent Office Action have been addressed. Further consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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